

~~SECRET~~
IAC-M-39
9 August 1951

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 9 August 1951

Director of Central Intelligence
General Walter Bedell Smith
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Brigadier General John Weckerling, acting for Assistant Chief
of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
*Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General Charles P. Cabell, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, acting for Director of Intelligence,
Atomic Energy Commission
Brigadier General Richard C. Partridge, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. D. Milton Ladd, Assistant to the Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

✓ Mr. Frank G. Wisner, Central Intelligence Agency
✓ Dr. William L. Langer, Central Intelligence Agency
✓ Lieut. General Clarence R. Huebner, USA (Ret.), Central
Intelligence Agency
✓ Mr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
✓ Mr. Paul Borel, Central Intelligence Agency
✓ Mr. Ray Cline, Central Intelligence Agency
✓ Mr. Robert E. Long, Central Intelligence Agency
*Mr. Walter Jessel, Central Intelligence Agency
✓ Mr. Mose Harvey, Department of State
Colonel O. B. Sykes, Department of the Army
Colonel Benjamin B. Talley, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral R. F. Stout, Department of the Navy
Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force
Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
Lieut. Colonel Charles F. Gillis, Department of the Air Force

✓ James Q. Reber
Secretary
Intelligence Advisory Committee

*For part of
meeting only

APPROVED FOR
RELEASE DATE:
26-Aug-2008

~~SECRET~~
IAC-M-39
9 August 1951

HR
70-14
(U)

~~S-E-C-R-E-T~~

IAC-M-35 (Pg. 1, Final)

9 August 1951

Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 2 August 1951 (IAC-M-38) were approved.

withheld in E.O. review E 83-0165 (DIF)

2. NIE 31 (1 Sep 51)

Soviet Capabilities of a Communist
Attack Against the U.S. / Strategic
Attack Planning Document

Enemy Capabilities for Attack
on the United States

2. Action: The Service members of the IAC were requested to obtain, through such informal means as are appropriate, the advice and assistance of the Joint Staff Planners in developing the estimate of U. S. capabilities to repel attack (Item 3 b of IAC-M-38). It was noted that the estimates to be prepared by the IIC and the ICIS had been largely completed.

released in E.O. review E 88-0214 (SAD)

3. SE 10 (15 Sep 51)

Soviet Capabilit-

ies for a Com-

munist Atta-

ck on the U.S. before

July 1952

Consequences of the Signature
of the Japanese Peace Treaty
and a U. S.-Japanese Security
Pact

SE 14 (23 Oct 51)

Soviet Capabilities for a Military
Attack on the US Before

released in E.O. review E 83-0221
(SAn)

3. Discussion: General Smith raised the question of the possibility of war upon the signature of the peace treaty with Japan and read a memorandum from the Deputy Secretary of Defense requesting an estimate of Soviet reaction to the publication of the terms of the U.S.-Japanese security pact under three alternative time possibilities. Preliminary consideration of all sources of intelligence by the members led to the general conclusion that although Soviet capabilities were currently being enhanced at a rapid rate, no positive intention to resort to war at this time was discernible. It was believed that the timing of the announcement of the terms of the security pact would have no effect on a Soviet decision to go to war. In the preparation of the final statement, however, attention should be given to the possible psychological advantages accruing to the Soviets at the respective dates. The Secretary was directed to call Mr. Lovett's paper to the attention of Mr. Gray of the PSB for their information and action as appropriate.

Probability of an Early
Assault on Japan

4. Action: It was agreed that the IAC representatives would meet on 9 August 1951 and revise the paper to take full account of the Watch Committee Report of 8 August and pertinent psychological factors. The resulting paper will be issued as a TOP SECRET SE with an indications annex, if appropriate.

1 released in E.O. review E 85-0037 (SAn)

2. SE 11 (1 Aug 51)

Probability of a Communist
Assault on Japan in 1951
(no annex noted)

~~S-E-C-R-E-T~~

IAC-M-39 (Pg. 1, Final)

22 August 1951

~~SECRET~~
IAC-M-39
9 August 1951

Fabrication and Duplication
of Intelligence

5. Action: General Smith requested the members to give serious attention to the problem of fabrication and duplication in intelligence sources and the means of meeting the problem, taking into account Mr. Jessel's presentation of this problem in a particular area.

Reorganization of Intelligence
In Germany

6. Discussion: General Smith read excerpts from a telegram from General Truscott, reporting on the visit of Mr. Allen Dulles to Germany, and indicating that complete agreement had been reached with General Handy. It was indicated that the proposed directive on this subject would be considered at the next meeting.

SECRET

~~SECRET~~
IAC-M-39
9 August 1951